(c) Manpower required for strategic and specialized areas such as Cyber Security, Open Source Solutions, Digital Signatures, Network Operations and control etc. will be recruited by National Informatics Centre (NIC). The jobs of software coding, handholding, data entry, scanning and indexing, rollout, etc. are being outsourced.

Computerisation of post offices

3114. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to computerisation of all postal activites and connectivity of post offices across the country has been undertaken by Government;

(b) if so, the time-frame by when the work would be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The work relating to computerization and connectivity of post offices across the country has been initiated by the Department of Posts.

(b) The work relating to computerization and connectivity of all Head Post Offices and large Sub Post Offices across the country is expected to be completed by the end of the current Tenth Five Year Plan period.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Outstanding amount due to public sectors

3115. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge amount due to public sector telephone companies from various agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Total outstanding dues to Bharat

Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited is as under

	Central Govt.	State Govt.	Defence	Private	Total
BSNL	Rs. 25.72 Cr.	Rs. 137.72Cr.	Rs. 7.32 Cr.	Rs. 3074.87Cr.	Rs 3245.63 Cr.
MTNL	Rs. 15.28 Cr.	Rs. 3.42 Cr.	Rs. 4.16 Cr.	Rs. 1200.96 Cr.	Rs. 1223.82 Cr.

(c) The steps taken to recover and clear the dues so far as under:

1. Telephonic reminders are issued to the subscribers whose bills are not paid with in due date.
2. The Telephones are disconnected for non-payment of dues on a regular basis.
3. The Telecom Circles have outstanding pursuit cells in all SSAs.
4. High Power Committee and Liquidation Boards review and give suitable directions in these cases.
5. Civil suits in fit cases are filed for the realization of outstanding dues.
6. Private Recovery Agents have been appointed by BSNL & MTNL to facilitate recovery on a commission basis.
7. A write off policy has been framed to review the old outstanding and write off irrecoverable amount to reduce the outstanding.

Delay of BSNL and CDMA WLL projects

3116. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr it is a fact that all the BSNL projects and CDMA WLL projects have been delayed and are yet to be assigned fresh dates of commissioning; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only some of CDMA WLL equipments targeted